

# COYOTE—WORD OF THE PACK

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We deeply appreciate the time and effort you put into this program to give the youth the rare opportunity to do what all of us have been doing this summer. We thank you again!

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## Bullhead City Engineering sponsors Robert Baxter



Robert Baxter with his new supervisor

The City of Bullhead City Engineering Department has teamed up with Robert Baxter for the summer program.

He has no previous experience but he is getting on-the-job training for learning how to fax, mail, copy plans, and whatever work pops up for him to do.

His supervisor, Rusty Holguin, believes

this is a wonderful program for the youth and she wants everyone to know the City is proud to be a part of it.

He says that this will be a great work experience that will help him out for the rest of his life.

## Johnny Moss: Assessing the future

Jim Wulff and Eric Morin, two of the many proud sponsors of the Coalition Youth Team Program 2004, have hired Johnny Moss to their team of the Lake Havasu City Assessor's Office.

Johnny is a computer assistant, who can draw plans, file, and do some field work. Johnny says, "I like my job and the staff, but I would like to have less office time and more field work."

Johnny hopes to become a professional chef and open a restaurant later in life.

Something that Johnny will never forget is when Jim told him to be careful and watch his step; however, he didn't heed his warning and slipped, fell, and cut his arm on some cement. We bet Johnny isn't going to walk around septic tank holes anymore!



Johnny going over assessments

## Davis Camp sponsors new summer youth

Simon Rios, Michael Gantenbein, and Ryan Carroll work at the Davis Camp in Bullhead City for Wes Beale.

Their job duties include: landscaping, laying irrigation, putting in sprinkler heads, planting, patrolling the park, and having a full layout of the irrigation and land.

They love their job and the very friendly staff that they work with. Wes and the youth say that they wish there was more funding available to them for more landscaping needs.

The working youth hope to go to college within the next five years. Michael, Ryan, and Simon say that the



Michael, Wes, Simon and Ryan digging up trouble in the #EAT

favorite thing about their job is completing a task and seeing the finished product. They really dislike the **HEAT!** It's a tad too warm.

The experience of actually having a job and building their newfound friendship, they say, will be the best thing that they'll learn from this experience. Wes says, "This was a great experience for me and I would love to see this happen again every year."

## Mohave Engineering has a new CAD worker



Patrick putting together his "new desk"

Patrick Best now works for Robert KEBLITIS at Mohave Engineering Associates Inc. Patrick's first project is to help make a base map of the utilities for the City of Kingman. His job duties include doing on-hand work and drawing out the plans for the engineers.

Patrick says that this is an experience that anybody who wants to be in archi-

tecture should go through and that this is an exciting experience. He hopes to graduate college and to be working here doing architectural design.

Patrick is looking forward to learning all of the new software that they are receiving. This new software will enable him to do his job even better.

Awesome aspirations, Patrick. Good luck!

## Need cabinets or countertops? Here is the place...

Cabinets and Countertops, a proud sponsor of the COYOTE program, has hired on David Nall and Josh Robins for the summer. They will be building, cutting, and routing wood to install cabinets and countertops, learning quite a bit as they go.

Jeff Miller, the owner, says "COYOTE is a great opportunity for youth to try aspects of the field to see what they want to do."

Josh and David both like their jobs and they hope that it remains a fun and exciting experience and no one gets seriously injured.

But, of course, it's a safe environment. The accidental stapling of Josh's finger while trying to assemble a cabinet was one of those unfortunate incidents that happen no matter how safe a company is.



David, Josh and Jeff can't wait to get back to work

## Jen Miles: "HOWLING" to make it happen

Jen Miles is the Workforce Development Division Manager for Mohave County. She and her staff are responsible for the delivery of the workforce programs for adults and youth.

Jen says that she is proud to serve the community, and is grateful to work with all the people in her department because they are so dedicated at doing their jobs. She would like everyone to know what a professional and terrific group of people work at the One-Stops!

Jen enjoys her work greatly, knowing that the programs make a difference in creating a stronger workforce for the Mohave County. She especially likes the COYOTE because youth get a great opportunity to learn and earn—and everyone can HOWL about it! On behalf of COYOTE, as a whole, we give a howling thanks to you and your division, Jen!



## Chris Gonzales: Bullhead City Finance's miracle worker

Chris Gonzales is working this summer for Bullhead City Finance Department. He is doing a variety of work including changes of address, faxing, and everything else that needs to be done in a business environment.

It is definitely a fun job with an extremely fun staff, he says.

When Chris was first interviewed by two of his supervisors, he was

asked, "Do you have a problem working with old women?"

He was a little frightened because that question definitely wasn't gone over in the workshop, but nonetheless, he answered no, and now the "old women" and Chris are working hard as a team.

They say Chris is doing a great job!



Chris and the Bullhead City Finance staff that he works with

## What's new at Mohave County Sheriff's Office Dispatch?



Jody, Jason and Lacy: Fighting crime behind the scene

At the Mohave County Sheriff's Office, dispatch supervisor Jody Schanaman sponsors two new trainees, Lacy Nicol and Jason Ott.

Lacy and Jason's job duties include: checking into people's criminal history, dealing with stolen property, and directing officers to calls.

Lacy loves her line of work and hopes to stay in it for a long time. Jason, who works 2 to 10 p.m., the swing shift, loves his job. Knowing he helps people keeps him going day-by-day.

Lacy and Jason are critical to the stopping of criminal activity here in Kingman.

## Got Pictures? Get Framed!

The recently opened custom frame shop, Get Framed!, sponsored Richard Haley for the summer.

He is helping to put items into frames and then seal them up. His supervisor, Jackie Manuel, has owned and operated the business for 9 months and absolutely loves doing what she does.

Jackie knows the City of Bullhead is growing fast so she believes the sky is the limit for both her growing business and the opportunities for everyone. Richard shares her thought and plans to expand his horizons by going to college and studying zoology!



A picture perfect team!

## A new friendly face in the library of Lake Havasu City

Cindy Amador has sponsored Ashley Mandella to the work crew of the Mohave County Library in Lake Havasu City. Ashley's job duties include: filing, putting books in alphabetical order, and typing on the computer.

Both Ashley and Cindy would like more funding for the library in order to buy and keep more CDs, DVDs, cassettes, and security equipment in better shape.



Ashley fast-forwarding to her future...

Ashley hopes to get a softball scholarship, have a steady job, and go to college. Her favorite thing about her job is meeting new people and learning new things everyday. Ashley says, "the best thing that I will learn from this experience is probably how to meet new people and open up to them."

Ashley's going strong and plans to continue for as long as the program allows it.

## New park ranger trainee Shane Keenan loves his job

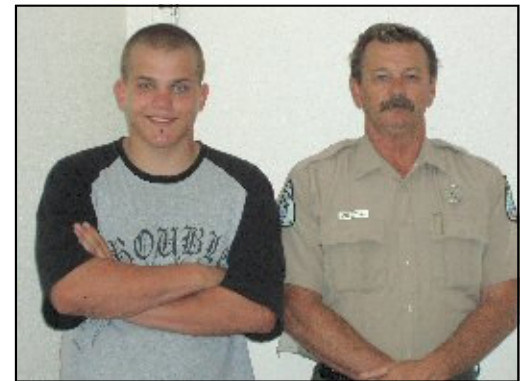
Shane Keenan jumps head-first into his new position as a park ranger trainee for Lake Havasu State Park. He spends most of his day driving around in his little golf cart-type vehicle doing basic park and vehicle maintenance.

He says if there was one thing he could change it would be air conditioning in his little Mitsubishi.

He works at different times, though in six-hour shifts.

Shane loves the automotive side of his work. The thing he doesn't like is the trash. There's too much trash left behind by people who visit the park.

He especially likes his job because of the time at the beach he gets to spend checking out the "good looking females."



Shane and Brian, two fine park rangers

## Our story: The truth behind the writing team...

Josh Hoff, Cody Davis, Michael Swann, and Kelly Plechaty are always hard at work for the County. From 8-3, Monday through Friday, they can be found in their office space writing articles, filing interviewed material, taking and editing pictures, and even laying out this newsletter to get it ready for print.

Josh says, "I like my job, and the people I work with are awesome."



Always hard at work!

Josh Hoff, Cody Davis, Kelly Plechaty, Michael Swann

Michael also says, "I like the people I work with and the job's great!" Cody gave us an answer we don't hear too often in our interviews, "I've got one of the funniest bosses in the world."

Their supervisor, Kelly Plechaty says that she thinks Cody, Josh, and Michael are doing a great job and without them, COYOTE wouldn't have one of it's greatest assets: this newsletter.

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## Mission Statement

To help fulfill youth needs by  
expanding the mind and opening  
the job world.

## Crystal Canez contributes at Interagency

Either from 8-12 or 12-4 Monday through Friday, Crystal Canez contributes to her Interagency Council team by answering phones, filing, and typing paper at the Interagency.

Her supervisor, Margee Cheffo, loves her job and providing an opportunity for Crystal. She says she thinks COYOTE is a great program for all the

youth in the community, like Big Brother Big Sister, which she manages by matching youth and adults with small children who need a mentor.

Crystal says that working here is going to help her greatly with other jobs of the future. Overall, she's having a great time while learning a lot about office procedures.



Big smiles for work! Always a happy place here.

## Public Works sponsors Alan McLain for summer

Alan McLain has been sponsored by Mohave County Public Works Department. Alan's supervisor, Beth Cordes, controls the ordering and supplying of parts.

Alan has learned how to receive and stock parts. He enjoys his work and loves the friendly staff.

Alan says in five years he hopes to be living in Michigan, go to trade school, and get into fabrication.



Beth and Alan take a break from working hard

Alan likes the people he works with but dislikes sweeping at the workplace.

He says the best thing he will learn from this experience is the inventory, how to stock and receive merchandise, and how to be more careful around things.

Alan also says, "I want to work with the mechanics and work full time."